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Gregory James Venn

Police warn high-risk offender free Sunday

RELEASE Calgary Police are issuing a warning to the general public of a high-risk offender being released into the Calgary area on Aug. 31.

Gregory James Venn, 45, served eight years in federal prison for break and enter with intent.

His history includes breaking into residences to commit sexual offences against adult women and has criminal convictions for violent offences. Venn is five-foot-eight, 190 pounds, and has blonde hair and blue eyes.

The Calgary Police Service, providing the information to the public under the authority of section 32 of the Freedom and Information Privacy Act, say they are issuing the information as a warning because it believes that on a "balance of probabilities," Mr. Venn poses a risk of significant harm to the health and safety of adult women.

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Warning's intent

- The police advise that the intent of the process is to enable members of the public to take precautionary measures and to dissuade vigilante action.

Bid for cop cash denied

Premier says prior commitments enough to handle Calgary's gangs

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Mayor Dave Bronconnier's plea for more cop cash to battle Calgary's escalating gang violence fell on deaf provincial ears.

After a nearly two-hour meeting yesterday and a 45 minute presentation by the Calgary Police Service

and Chief Rick Hanson, premier Ed Stelmach rejected the mayor's proposal for an extra \$100 million and 500 more officers provincially.

Stelmach also turned down Bronconnier's challenge to match the \$25 million and 201 new officers over the next three years he will ask council for Sept. 8. "It's some-

what disappointing," Bronconnier said. "I think given the amount of dollars that we're talking about, I mean it was only two days ago when an \$8.5 billion surplus forecast was tabled with the province, I think to ask for \$100 million, 500 officers provincewide is not that expensive in the context of a \$46-billion budget."

Stelmach, though, said the province's April commitment of 100 new officers for Calgary along with an increase in the ranks of prosecutors, judges and added treatment facilities should be enough to deal with the problems that are currently plaguing the province.

"More police officers are a component of the overall, very complex issue dealing

with gang violence," Stelmach said.

Alberta Justice Minister Alison Redford said the meeting was part of an ongoing dialogue between the province and municipalities and shouldn't be viewed as a policy definition point.

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Left to right, David Branch, Canadian Hockey League president, Jim Peplinski, Alberta co-chair of the bid, and Bob Nicholson, Hockey Canada president, pose with Hockey Canada jerseys for the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship to be held in Calgary and Edmonton.

Calgary, Edmonton to co-host World Juniors

HOCKEY The World Juniors are coming to Alberta.

Hockey Canada announced the co-hosting duties of Calgary and Edmonton for the 2012 IIHF World

Junior Hockey Championships yesterday.

"We're going to bring this province together," said Nicholson of the tournament, expected to inject

\$45 million into the province's economy and smash attendance records with a projected 475,000 tickets to be sold.

Tentatively, Edmonton is

set to host to all of Team Canada's pool games while Calgary will get the medal rounds, said Jim Peplinski, co-chair of the Alberta bid.

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Have a safe weekend

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A 52-year-old man is in stable condition at Foothills Hospital after his leg was caught in a Zamboni auger Thursday afternoon. Around 3:35 p.m., EMS responded to the call at the 700 block of 33 St. NE and found the man with near amputation injuries to his right leg. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



Be a fan, bring a can

The 18th annual Be a Fan, Bring a Can food drive for the Calgary Inter-faith Food Bank and sponsored by Homes by Avi challenges Labour Day football fans to bring non-perishable food items to Monday's Labour Day Classic pitting the Stampeders against the Eskimos. **METRO CALGARY**

Company looking into breakdown in communication after LRT crash

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Enmax will be looking into its communication flow as part of a broader investigation into Wednesday's C-Train collision with one of their cranes. Enmax's Ginette Boulianne said the company is in the midst of their investigation and will be looking all aspects of the crash, including their communication policy, a lapse in which Calgary police said was responsible for the crash as their crane boom was moved over the tracks between Dalhousie and Brentwood LRT Stations 16 minutes before they were scheduled to start work on the line at 10:30 a.m.

The company is in the midst of an investigation

Ginette Boulianne

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Police were called to a motel on 16 Ave NW yesterday after reports a man had suffered various injuries including a stab wound. The man was taken to hospital in serious condition and several people were taken in for questioning.

Police probe stabbing attack at NW motel

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Police and EMS responded to an apparent stabbing and possible illegal confinement in the 5000 block of 16 Ave NW yesterday morning.

The Calgary Police said

the man had suffered several injuries besides having what appeared to be a stab wound, but nothing had been confirmed and police are still trying to determine circumstances surrounding the attack.

Although emergency teams arrived at around 10:13 a.m., police said the

man had been there for a longer period of time, though it isn't known how long.

Several occupants of a nearby motel were taken in for questioning at the time of the incident, but no charges have been laid.

The unidentified male victim was transported to

Foothills Hospital and is listed in serious but stable condition.

Anyone with information regarding suspicious activity in this area that morning is asked to call Detectives Taylor and Arcega at 403-567-6200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS

No serious injuries in car crash

CRASH A vehicle collision at Charleswood Drive and Capri Avenue NW just after midnight yesterday morning sent five people to all four Calgary hospitals.

Three 17-year-old females in an SUV were reported to be in stable condition, the 20-year-old driver sustained minor injuries and a 40-year-old driver of a small car was transported to hospital in serious but stable condition.

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What's online today.

Watch a video of Calgarians' reactions to the historic DNC Convention in Denver, and a local take on the collapse of Zoom Airlines, which stranded hundreds of passengers after folding under pressure from creditors. Also, a report on Prime Minister Stephen Harper ramping up the election rhetoric ahead of a seemingly inevitable fall vote

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Calgary man charged in Red Deer grow-op bust
A Calgary-man has been charged by RCMP for his alleged part in Red Deer's biggest marijuana grow-operation ever found. Sap Chi, 42, faces charges of trafficking and production in a bust that uncovered 800 plants worth about \$1.1 million. **METRO CALGARY**

Hot labour market no surprise: Prof

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary



It's official: Alberta has the best performing labour market in North America.

That's according to a Fraser Institute study that saw the rest of the top 10 jurisdictions in the United States.

But it's no surprise to many, including Frank Atkins with the University of Calgary economic department.

"We've had one of the best performing

economies in Canada for about 5 years now," he said, noting that a misinterpretation of a slower growing economy has led some to fear the idea of a recession.

He sees Calgary as having a great deal to do with Alberta's success, but said that there are low unemployment rates and then there are really low unemployment rates, and we're seeing more of the latter.

"It's sort of an ideal situation where everyone who wants a job actually has a

job, but that's an ideal state," Atkins said. "The problem with the Alberta state is that we're beyond low unemployment so much so that there's a shortage of labour."

Though he said it may be an envious position, the realization unskilled labourers from other provinces are coming to is that a higher paycheck in Alberta doesn't mean more money since everything is more expensive here.

In Canada, BC ranked second and Saskatchewan came in third.

End of summer Boys will be boys



Ben St.Louis, 6, left, and Jacob Hudson, 7, swing on the gun of a tank at the Museum of Regiments yesterday, with Luke Hudson, 9, and Danial St.Louis, 8, hoisting their friend into the air.

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Area climbers rescued in Columbia Valley

Four Calgary-area climbers were left stranded in Columbia Valley after a miscommunication led searchers to believe they were OK.

The men ran into unexpected bad weather and after being 24 hours overdue on

Monday, a helicopter made a fly-by contact but saw a man on a rappelling rope and thought them to be alright.

They remained on a bad route at 3,100 metre elevation in the Bugaboo Spire that night. Two were able to

make it out on Tuesday morning and get help, but a nasty storm prevented rescue until yesterday.

RCMP said all men were fine other than a little cold, tired, and slightly frostbitten.

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Junior A lacrosse championship

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letters

Surplus being spent in wrong areas

Re: "Alberta Surplus hits \$8.5 billion" (Aug. 27)

I am outraged with what the Alberta government plans to do with its surplus money

I think what they should do is use it for the homeless, gang violence and olympic athletes.

When I take the train to work every morning, I see a shantytown of shopping carts and sleeping bags under the bridge by the homeless shelter in Calgary, and it infuriates me.

With all this money going to something that is a future plan, why not

help the issues now?

LAURA KENNEDY, CALGARY

Marijuana, hemp useful in many ways

Re: "Swept up in reefer madness" (Aug. 25)

Tyler Warren is a fool. Hemp has thousands of industrial applications and marijuana has dozens of proven medical applications. Recent science out of Germany even shows how cannabinoids help healthy cells resist cancer invasion.

When Warren gets cancer, he will likely be crying for someone to give him a joint and some hemp-based food.

RUSSELL BARTH, NEPEAN, ONTARIO

Social responsibility learned in the home

Re: "Mending homes key to curbing crime" (Aug. 26)

I firmly believe that crime starts and stops with family. I lived in Japan for four years where their crime rate is extremely low compared to other societies. The family takes responsibility for their members and it is ingrained in children not to disgrace the family.

I just hope that our civic, provincial and federal leaders will come up with a strategy that Ald. Ric McIver eludes to.

KEN INKSTER, CALGARY

News in brief

TRANSIT Shuttle buses will replace C-Trains along the 7 Ave. corridor starting tonight at 7 p.m. as track closes for maintenance. Buses will run between Sunnyside and Erlton/Stampede Stations with connections to 3 Street East Station until service returns to normal Monday, be-

fore the Stampeders game. **BRAVERY HONoured** After evacuating residents in a massive fire involving several row houses in Airdrie, two members of the Airdrie RCMP, along with a Calgary Police Sergeant are to receive the Star of Courage at Rideau Hall in Ottawa later this

year. Const. Timothy Dunlap, Const. Guy Raes and Sgt. Paul Phee will receive the honour, established in 1972 to recognize acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril. It is the second-highest ranking of all Canadian bravery decorations. **METRO CALGARY**

No Labour to find family activities this weekend

Families looking for opportunities to give the kids one last kick at the can before school starts have a few choices this weekend.

Heritage Park has events going on all weekend, including historical theatre, but on Labour Day Monday it is featuring the Lord Strathcona Musical Ride, old fashioned family games and ice cream making.

"Heritage Park is a great

place to come with your family for the weekend left before going back to school," said Janelle Morris with the park.

The Lord Strathcona Mounted Troop is the only regular force cavalry unit in the Canadian Army and performs musical rides, participates in civic events and puts on demonstrations of the cavalry sport of tent pegging.

Games, such as potato sack racing, egg on a spoon races or hot potato tosses, will take place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To catch some free grub before a fun-filled day, arrive before 10 a.m. to enjoy a pancake breakfast included with admission.

Other venues open this weekend include Fort Calgary and the Calgary Zoo.

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The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released a new report yesterday that said the RCMP contravened its own policy by allowing direct policing in British Columbia by Texas state troopers. The report said the troopers were involved in several traffic stops. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Texas state troopers used in B.C., says report

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"I don't know what all the hoop and holla is."

Chilliwack, B.C. bar owner Tony Lecce defending his decision to hire strippers to work in his bar. Lecce cited the province's smoking laws as a reason his bar is hurting.



Strippers

The Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce has cracked down on the Vault establishment and has said the image of strippers does not fit in their community.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

NDP, Bloc leaders to meet with Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be clear to launch a federal election as early as this weekend after he meets with two of the three opposition party leaders, Conservative sources say.

Harper will meet with NDP leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe this weekend.

The meetings aren't likely to throw the election march off course. Duceppe has vowed to introduce a motion of non-confidence in the government as soon as possible. And Layton, who initially said the prime minister should not ask Governor-General Michaëlle Jean to dissolve Parliament, is now calling Harper's bluff.



"I think the fix is in. I think he's going through a charade here."

Jack Layton

"I'm going to tell him that if you want to quit your job, I'm going to apply for it," he told CBC-TV from Denver. "I think the fix is in. I think he's going through a charade here."

Harper has already written off a proposed Sept. 9 meeting with Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, which would come one day after three scheduled by-elections, saying it's a de-

laying tactic that shows Liberals aren't serious about working with his government.

"All the signs indicate that this Parliament is at the end of its productiveness," Harper said at a cabinet meeting in Inuvik, N.W.T.

In the 308-seat House of Commons, the Conservatives hold 127 seats, the

Liberals 95, the Bloc 48 and the NDP 30.

A government source said yesterday that an election call as early as Sept. 2 "could happen," but it would be a surprise because word had not gone out as of yesterday for Conservative staffers to start clearing out their Parliament Hill desks.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tories will study polar bears: Baird

CRITICS The Tories, criticized by environmentalists for not adequately protecting polar bears from the effects of climate change, said yesterday they will take more time study its next step.

bears

Canada is home to about two-thirds of the world's polar bear population.

A scientific panel yesterday released detailed findings of an April review that classified the bear population

as a "special concern," but not endangered or threatened with extinction.

The government has created a national round table to consult with a variety of groups, including residents of the Arctic, on how best to protect the bears, Environment Minister John Baird said.

"Protecting the polar bears is something we are committed to, but we going to base it on science," Baird said.

REUTERS

Funeral Canadian soldier



Lisa Schamehorn, centre, wife of Sgt. Shawn Eades touches his casket with their daughters Niya, 4, left, and Breanna, 7, during a military funeral at Beechwood Military Cemetery in Ottawa, yesterday. Eades was killed by a improvised explosive device while on patrol in the Zharey District of Afghanistan on August 20.

MackKay says Russians ignoring Arctic rules

RESOURCES Canada is seeing an increase in Russian flights near its airspace in the Arctic as it seeks to strengthen its sovereignty in the vast resource-rich region, Defense Minister Peter MacKay said yesterday.

"There have been a certain number of incidents recently that indicate a greater degree of activity on the part of Russia," MacKay told reporters in the Arctic community of Inuvik. He declined to disclose the number of such flights.

MacKay said Canada had



Peter MacKay

asked Russia to notify it in advance when it was planning military flights near Canadian airspace. "That hasn't happened," he said.

REUTERS

News in brief

HARGROVE Departing CAW chief Buzz Hargrove says he has decided not to run for the Liberals in the coming election despite being approached by Stéphane Dion and other party heavyweights.

PROPANE RULES The Ontario government yesterday announced a comprehensive safety review of storage, location and transport of propane in Ontario after last month's propane blast in Toronto.

B.C. EARTHQUAKE The 5.6-magnitude earthquake that shook the ocean floor off the northwest coast of Vancouver Island early yesterday was the latest of 18 tremors this week.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Energy prices boost economy

MONEY High prices for energy exports boosted Canada's current account surplus in the second quarter, but the gain fell short of expectations and cements the view that quarterly economic growth will be tepid at best.

The surplus rose to \$6.76 billion from a second-quarter surplus of \$4.46 billion,

Statistics Canada said yesterday.

It was the second quarter in a row that the surplus widened, bringing it to the highest level in a year. The gain was below the market forecast of a surplus of \$8 billion, held back by growing deficits in services and investment income.

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American stopped at border with child porn

An American man attempting to cross the Canada-United States border at Woodstock, N.B., has been arrested after authorities found a laptop containing child pornography. Carlo Lee, 49, of Alex, Okla., was charged with the possession of child pornography yesterday. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Health Canada looks at radiation for meat

Food safety experts are baffled why the Canadian government has not yet allowed food producers to zap meat and produce with enough radiation to kill deadly bacteria that cause outbreaks of food-borne disease.

Health Canada said Wednesday that it is considering approving the irradiation of meats by early 2009. But experts say the announcement, which rolled-out in the wake of a nation-wide outbreak of Listeriosis monocytogenes

linked to ready-to-eat meats, is too late in coming.

"It's become obvious that a catastrophe has to happen before the technology can move forward," said Dennis Olson, a professor at Iowa State University and an international expert on irradiation.

"It's become obvious that a catastrophe has to happen before the technology can move forward"

Dennis Olson

The U.S. approved irradiation in 2000.

Critics say irradiation excuses food producers from safety procedures.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Icebreaker Diefenbaker honoured



Prime Minister Stephen Harper delivers a speech announcing a new Polar class Arctic Icebreaker for the Canadian north to be named after former Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker, in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, yesterday.

New Tory ad casts Harper as family man

ELECTION The federal election has yet to be called, but the battle on the airwaves has already started.

The Conservatives today launch a new television ad portraying Prime Minister Stephen Harper as a "straight up guy" and a family man.

The 30-second ad features a variety of people singing the praises of the Prime Minister

and is aimed at placing Harper "squarely on the side of ordinary people with Dion being totally out of touch with his carbon tax," one Tory strategist said yesterday.

A Liberal strategist said the fact that Tories feel they have to showcase Harper in a favourable light shows they have fears about the public perceptions of the prime minister.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Grit ads

- Liberals say they don't have a similar plan for pre-campaign ads

News in brief

BEATING DEATH A Winnipeg judge has sentenced a 16-year-old boy to 11 years in custody for killing one man and permanently injuring another in two violent attacks a year ago. Thomas Beady, 16, admits he was the main instigator in the attacks on Sept. 1, 2007.

ATTEMPTED THEFT A 60-year-old woman is recovering from minor injuries after a man attempted to steal her car during her commute to work in Winnipeg. The woman successfully fought off her attacker by throwing hot coffee on him.

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The United States will fall behind other countries in education if it does not embrace pre-schooling, the author of a British study said Thursday. Children at age 10 who had attended preschool scored 27 percent higher in math, and performed better in other subjects as well. **REUTERS**

World



No holy water in carry-ons

The Vatican has warned journalists who will travel with Pope Benedict to Lourdes next month not to put the revered water from the shrine in their hand luggage on the papal plane or it may be confiscated. The millions of pilgrims who visit the shrine each year drink from the site's fountains, many believing its water to be potentially miraculous. Most take bottles of it away with them. **REUTERS**

U.S. stoked Georgia conflict: Putin

Russia faced increased diplomatic isolation over its military action against Georgia yesterday, with its Asian allies failing to offer support and France saying EU leaders were considering sanctions.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said in a CNN interview he suspected the United States was heightening tensions through increased naval presence in the Black Sea and had provoked the Georgia conflict to make the situation more tense and create "a competitive advantage for one of the candidates fighting for the post of U.S.

president."

The U.S. State Department said it was "ludicrous" for the Russians to say they were not responsible for what had happened in Georgia.

Moscow has defied pressure pull out of Georgia and looked east to its Asian allies, including China, for support at a regional summit.

The grouping, meeting in the Tajik capital Dushanbe, repeated a regular call for the "respect of territorial integrity" and

did not recognize the two breakaway regions of Georgia.

Putin added that Western nations will have to resolve the standoff over Iran's nuclear ambitions without Russia's help if they refuse to cooperate with Moscow.

Asked if the Georgia row could hurt cooperation on Iran, Putin said: "If nobody wants to talk with us on these issues and cooperation with Russia is not needed, then for God's sake, do it yourself."

REUTERS



Vladimir Putin

Abortion to remain legal in Mexico City

RULING Mexico's Supreme Court yesterday upheld a law allowing abortion in the capital, handing a victory to city lawmakers over the country's conservative government and the Roman Catholic Church.

In an 8-3 vote, judges ruled not to overturn a city law approved in 2007 that legalized abortions on demand during the first trimester and established free public clinics.

The landmark decision could open the door for other states in Mexico to follow the capital's lead in relaxing laws that criminalize abortion.

"It will surely establish a precedent for Mexico, for the other states and for the region of Latin America," said Maria Luisa Sanchez, director of abortion rights advocacy group GIRE.

REUTERS

'Eight is enough'



ERIC THAYER/REUTERS

Barack Obama delivers his nomination acceptance speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo.

Barack Obama, preparing to take a historic step as the Democratic presidential nominee, launched an assault on Republican rival John McCain yesterday and promised to reverse the economic failures of the last eight years.

Obama, the first black White House nominee of a major U.S. party, linked McCain directly to President Bush and said their failed Republican policies were responsible for a faltering U.S. economy and a decline in U.S. global standing.

"We are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look just like the last eight," Obama told a roaring, flag-waving crowd of about 75,000 supporters in Denver's open-air football

stadium as he accepted the nomination on the last night of the Democratic convention.

"On Nov. 4th, we must stand up and say: 'Eight is enough,'" Obama said. "We are a better country than this."

Obama delivered the biggest speech in a career filled with them on the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech – a landmark in the U.S. civil rights movement.

Obama said McCain was out of touch with the day-to-day concerns of average Americans and had been "anything but independent" on issues like the economy, health care and education.

The televised acceptance speech gave Obama his biggest audience until he meets McCain in a series of debates this fall. **REUTERS**

News in brief

INDIA The Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, has been admitted to a hospital in India with "abdominal discomfort" but there was no cause for concern, doctors said. The spiritual leader, who

cancelled two trips abroad after he complained of fatigue, was "cheerful" after reaching the Mumbai hospital, a spokesman said.

HEALTH New screening tests

and effective vaccines make tackling cervical cancer in poor countries a real possibility for the first time, researchers said, but subsidies or new prices would be needed for developing countries **REUTERS**

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The price of rat meat has quadrupled in Cambodia this year as inflation has put other meat beyond the reach of poor people. With consumer price inflation at 37 percent, demand has pushed a kilogram of rat meat up to around \$1.28 since last year. **REUTERS**

Eastern India flooded after monsoon hits

DISASTER Indian army troops helped evacuate more than 120,000 people from floods in eastern India, but more bad weather raised fears that rivers would continue to overflow, officials said yesterday.

The flooding, which officials say is the worst in 50 years, was caused after the Kosi river burst a dam in Nepal where it originates, unleashing huge waves of water that smashed mud embankments downstream in Bihar state.

Many villagers offered prayers and slaughtered goats to appease the Kosi, known as Bihar's "river of sorrow" for its regular floods and tendency to change course.

At least two million people have been forced from their homes and a quarter of a million houses destroyed.

Stranded villagers complained of an unbearable stench from rotting carcasses and the United Nations warned of waterborne disease. Roads and railroad tracks were submerged, and telephone and utility poles snapped.

Torrential rains have killed more than 1,000 people in South Asia since the monsoon began.

REUTERS

Gulf gets ready for Gustav

New Orleans, oil rigs on alert as storm heads for U.S.

Tropical Storm Gustav was blamed yesterday for at least 68 deaths in the Caribbean and U.S. forecasters said it could hit New Orleans and Gulf of Mexico oil fields as a potentially powerful hurricane next week.

Energy companies prepared for Gustav to deliver what could be the hardest hit to the U.S. Gulf oil patch since the devastating 2005 hurricane season. Oil prices rose above \$120 a barrel in early trade yesterday, adding to two days of gains as Gustav aimed deep into gas platforms off Louisiana and Texas.

The U.S. government and the International Energy Agency pledged to release emergency stockpiles if Gustav disrupts production in the area, which provides the U.S. with a quarter of its crude oil and 15 percent of its natural gas.

New Orleans remained in the range of possible landfall locations on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal put New Orleans residents on alert for possible evacuations starting on Friday, the third anniversary of Katrina's strike, and issued



A dog and its owner walk through a flooded street in Havana, Cuba Monday. Torrential rains hit the city as forecasters predicted Hurricane Gustav would skirt the western coast of Cuba and enter the Gulf of Mexico as a powerful Category 3 hurricane by Sunday.

a precautionary disaster declaration.

A state of emergency was declared in neighboring Mississippi, which was also devastated by Katrina

. In Jamaica, shops, post offices and schools shut their doors and authorities

ordered nonessential workers to stay home as Gustav neared and began buffeting the island with high winds and torrential rains that soaked some sugar cane fields.

"I just saw part of my roof blow away," said Phillip Wright, resident of an eastern parish that was extensively damaged.

"This looks very serious. It is windy, rainy, trees are

also falling down and we have no electricity," Wright told Reuters.

A 50-year-old man fell to his death after wind blew him out of the tree where he was picking fruit in the central Manchester parish.

Gustav barged ashore as a hurricane in Haiti Tuesday, killing at least 59 people there and in the neighboring Dominican Republic.

REUTERS

Vatican green over sculpture

ART An Italian museum Thursday defied Pope Benedict and refused to remove a modern art sculpture portraying a crucified green frog holding a beer mug and an egg that the Vatican had condemned as blasphemous.

The board of the Museum in the northern city of Bolzano decided by a majority vote that the sculpture, "Zuerst die Fuesse" (Feet First), was a work of art and would stay in place for the remainder of an exhibition.

The wooden sculpture was created by the late German artist Martin Kippenberger.

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News in brief

ENGLAND British police charged three men with terrorism offences yesterday over threats to kill Prime Minister Gordon Brown posted on a militant Islamic website.

Lancashire police said they had charged Ishaq Kanmi, 22, Abbas Iqbal, 23, and Ilyas Iqbal, 21,

INDIA Hindu mobs ransacked a church and clashed with Christian villagers in eastern India yesterday, the latest in a string of churches attacked Christians this week after the murder of a Hindu leader in the tribal area of Kandhamal.

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Court upholds dismissals of KPMG execs' criminal charges

A U.S. appeals court has upheld a dismissal of all criminal charges against 13 former KPMG executives probed for creating illegal tax shelters, saying prosecutors violated the defendants' rights by pressuring the firm not to pay their legal bills. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Technical recession possible: Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper did not rule out the possibility the Canadian economy might have slipped into recession but said that if so, it would only be in a technical sense.

He spoke on the eve of the release of second quarter GDP data, which will show whether Canada has had negative growth for two successive quarters — the most popular technical definition of a recession.

Most analysts expect slightly positive second-quarter growth after the first quarter's annualized reading of -0.3 per cent.

"Even if (a technical recession is) true, I don't think it's a real recession," Harper said.

For some, a recession is when many jobs are lost,

Harper said. But the economy remains strong and while employment numbers have softened they remained very high, he said.

Harper said: "I'm not trying to sugarcoat this. I said a year ago ... that 2008 would be a year of significantly slower economic growth" because of global economic circumstances.

He added that good policy choices and solid fundamentals will allow Canada to withstand a slowdown.

REUTERS

U.S. recession

Though a \$152 billion US economic stimulus package staved off a recession, the U.S. is likely to hit one by the end of 2008, the Chamber of Commerce said.

RBC, TD Bank shares up on positive Q3s

TORONTO Royal Bank of Canada beat earnings forecasts and Toronto-Dominion Bank surprised by raising its dividend, highlighting the contrasting banking environments of Canada and the United States.

The news boosted both banks' shares: RBC stock was up 6.2 per cent and TD Bank jumped 5.4 per cent.

RBC and TD reported strong profits in their domestic retail business at 19 percent and 8 percent, respectively. But overall, net earnings fell 10 per cent and both increased provisions for loan losses.

REUTERS

Energy firms, feds brace for Storm Gustav

HOUSTON Energy companies began shutting down Gulf of Mexico production Thursday ahead of Tropical Storm Gustav, which could deliver the worst blow to the heart of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas production since 2005.

Shell, BP, Chevron and other companies said they are evacuating some or all workers from their platforms, while others said they will watch carefully.

The U.S. government and the International Energy Agency said emergency supplies would be provided if supplies are disrupted.

REUTERS

Singapore Tech exhibition



Women look at customised colour panels for Dell laptops in a booth at the COMEX information technology and consumers technology exhibition in Singapore yesterday.

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In brief

ABCP Ontario taxpayers are facing a \$106.8 million hit after the Finance Ministry made an investment in asset-backed commercial paper. Ontario said the writedown was "quite small." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

OPEC Oil demand and supply data being reviewed by OPEC economists ahead of the group's Sept. 9 meeting indicates no need for OPEC to change output policy, despite weaker U.S. demand. **REUTERS**

BEVERAGES Spirits makers said waning European economies are hurting their earnings, as consumers drink less outside the home and costs of materials rise. **REUTERS**

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Sports

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Sports in brief

NFL The NFL announced yesterday that the Denver Broncos wide receiver Brandon Marshall had his three-game suspension for a violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy reduced to one game following an appeal.



Brandon Marshall

NFL The Denver Broncos have traded guard Montrae Holland to the Dallas Cowboys in exchange for a fifth-round pick in the 2010 NFL Draft.

NBA The Memphis Grizzlies have signed free-agent center Hamed Haddadi, who recently played for the Iranian national team in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

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HOCKEY Mount Royal College Cougar Athletics announced the hiring of Quebec City native Jean LaForest as the new hockey head coach.

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Allen ready to return

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A 45-year-old grandfather who happens to be the leading passer in CFL history is ready to return to the league.

Sources have told Metro that **Damon Allen**, who retired before this season, expects to resurface as a backup quarterback with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Hamilton Tiger-Cats or Toronto Argonauts within 10 days.

For more on this story, as well as some new information concerning Ottawa's increasingly questionable return to the league, check out my newest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

• Here's the latest from those pursuing an NFL franchise for Toronto: The Buffalo Bills, despite

Jays could ship out an infielder

• Don't be surprised if the Los Angeles Angels pick up one of the Toronto Blue Jays' middle infielders before MLB's trade deadline Monday. Sources tell Metro columnist

Marty York that the Angels, determined to add depth for the post-season, have made strong pitches for John McDonald, David Eckstein and Marco Scutaro.

their agreement to play games at the Rogers Centre during the next five seasons, will not — I repeat, will not — permanently move to Toronto.

There's a new plan in place, and it calls for **Ted Rogers** et al to acquire another NFL club, possibly the New Orleans Saints or San Diego Chargers, in time for the 2010 season.

• The so-called NFL experience in Toronto earlier this month, incidentally, turned out to be less-than-enjoyable for many fans, some of whom complained to Rogers customer-service executive **Will Hill**.

The game between the Bills and the Pittsburgh Steelers was tolerable, for preseason play, but everything surrounding it — in-

cluding the ticket prices — were largely loathed.

A notable complaint came from a football fanatic who owns season-ticket subscriptions with the Bills, Steelers, Cleveland Browns, Minnesota Vikings, Miami Dolphins, Jacksonville Jaguars, Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys. **Gus Lambrinakos**, co-operator of the Ultimate Touch Football League in Toronto, also owns Argos' season-tickets.

Part of what Lambrinakos wrote to Hill:

"As a season-ticket holder to nine NFL teams (yup — that many), I was truly disappointed with the experience. There (was) no tailgate atmosphere and an awful game-day experi-

ence within the stadium. I'd rank it as the worst ... I've been to and I have gone to hundreds of NFL games. We should let Buffalo host these games as we have no right to ruin this for fans who came all the way here to pay ridiculous ticket prices and get little in return. Seeing tickets with a \$500 face value being re-sold (before kickoff) for \$50 was a shame."

Hill replied, but Lambrinakos remains upset and dissatisfied.

• The NFL's regular season kicks off soon but their telecasts will no longer include commercials featuring moms peddling Campbell Soup.

The company has, er, canned the moms after six years. The reason: Campbell's research shows its target consumers — men in their 30s — have finally achieved soup independence.

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Ivanovic tossed out of U.S. Open by Coin

Ana Ivanovic was unceremoniously tossed out of the U.S. Open yesterday by an obscure Frenchwoman who had never played a tour-level match before arriving at Flushing Meadows.

Julie Coin set alight the Arthur Ashe Stadium court when she produced the match of her life to shatter the world number one's title hopes in the second round 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

That she had never played a match on the WTA Tour, let alone at a grand slam, before this week failed to faze the 188th-ranked qualifier and she sealed the Serbian's fate after one hour 57 minutes of nerve-shredding drama.

As Coin celebrated by slamming a ball high into the stands and holding her arms aloft to lap up the applause from the hollering fans, a dejected Ivanovic was left to dwell on the worst showing by a women's top seed at the U.S. Open since 1966.

"This was a very, very disappointing loss for me but it's something that I have to accept," said Ivanovic, who had been troubled by a sore right thumb in the run-up to the tournament.

Coin's compatriot Severine Bremond and Italy's Tathiana Garbin continued a day of upsets. Bremond secured a 7-5, 6-3 win over 20th seed Nicole Pietrangeli and Garbin beat Hungarian 13th seed Agnes Szavay 5-7 6-2 6-3.

Like Ivanovic, men's world No. 1 Rafael Nadal faced a grand slam debutant. Unlike Ivanovic, though, Nadal emerged unscathed in a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 demolition of American qualifier Ryler DeHeard.

Fourth seed David Ferrer, sixth seed Andy Murray, No. 7 David Nalbandian ninth seed James Blake and 10th seed Stanislas Wawrinka all advanced.

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and his partner Nenad Zimonjic won in doubles action.



Julie Coin of France celebrates winning her match against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia at U.S. Open yesterday.

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Fall means thoughtful flicks

Here's a look ahead at what theatregoers can expect as the leaves turn

STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada



I'm sad to say it, but summer is coming to a close. However, with the turning of the leaves always comes the shifting of cinema fare from bloated effects-driven epics to more thoughtful, character-driven entertainment.

Here's Metro's peek at this autumn's most exciting highlights:

Burn After Reading (Sept. 12) — Following up on their Oscar-winning flick *No Country For Old Men*, the Coen brothers direct this comic crime-drama with a cast that includes George Clooney and Brad Pitt. Need I say more? *Burn After Reading* will also have its North American premiere Sept. 5 at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Righteous Kill (Sept. 12) — Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino play retiring cops



Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis star in *Max Payne*, expected in theatres this October.

whose latest investigation lead them to question a case they solved years before. Al-

so starring Curtis (50 Cent) Jackson. Seriously.

Eagle Eye (Sept. 26) — Re-

uniting with Disturbia director D.J. Caruso, bad boy Shia LaBeouf is sent run-

ning by a mysterious stalking sadist whom he's never met. Surprisingly, it's not even based on his experiences with the paparazzi.

Where the Wild Things Are (Oct. 3) — Spike Jonze has had problems filming this big-screen version of Maurice Sendak's classic 1963 children's book, but there's no doubt he'll make it great.

Hey, he got *Being John Malkovich* made, didn't he?

Body of Lies (Oct. 10) — Leo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe star in this CIA thriller about espionage, terrorism and crooked cops. With Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*) at the helm, it might end up three hours long, but it'll be a solid three hours.

Max Payne (Oct. 17) — Yes, it's another movie based on a videogame but with Mark Wahlberg playing a renegade cop battling "enemies beyond the natural world," it'll be anything

but Payne-ful to watch. Ha! Sorry about that.

W (Oct. 17) — Oliver Stone has made movies about JFK, Nixon and now George W. Bush. Is it comedy? Drama?

Perhaps both, but one thing's certain: Josh Brolin might get that Oscar nomination he should've received for *No Country For Old Men*.

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (Oct. 24) — Okay, so this one's pure fluff but with the HSM phenomenon moving to the big-screen, we couldn't overlook what's sure to be one of the biggest movies of the year.

Saw V (Oct. 24) — Opening the same day as HSM 3, the latest bloodbath featuring the diabolical Jigsaw Killer won't go unnoticed. If only producers could've combined this with HSM! I'd surely pay to see Zac Efron chew off his own forearm to escape from one of Jigsaw's traps.

Traitor more anguish movie than action

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada



REVIEW The title of the movie is supposed to suggest the job description of the protagonist, played by Don Cheadle, but you don't have to wait for the movie to end before you're thinking that Cheadle's Samir Horn would probably have been better off in a different line of work.

Jeffrey Nachmanoff's *Traitor* takes its time setting up precisely what Cheadle's Horn does. We get a glimpse of his tragic

Traitor

Director: Jeffrey Nachmanoff

Stars: Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Said Taghmaoui

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●½

childhood in Sudan, and when we rejoin him as an adult, he's selling arms to terrorists and ends up in a Yemeni prison where he becomes tight with his clients.

Eventually, it becomes clear that Horn is a spy working to infiltrate a ter-

rorist network with big plans for another 9/11, and the bulk of the movie concerns his attempts to maintain his cover while two eager FBI agents try to track him down and prevent the attacks.

The look of misery on Cheadle's face as he gets deeper into the plot makes this more an anguish movie than an action movie.

Horn is made manifestly unhappy by every aspect of his job, from the accidental death of innocents in a bombing he engineers to his very real friendship

with Omar (Said Taghmaoui), his recruiter to the terrorist cell.

He's betraying someone or something with every action he takes, but the film has a very conventional agenda and a place to be when the credits roll, so Horn's anguish just feels like the remains of a plotline left unexplored, and inspires a lot of moral turis that slow down the plot and make us wonder — even after the credits have rolled — just what moved Cheadle's Horn to become the world's glumest spy.

Father film a summer reward

STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada



When Did You Last See Your Father?

Director: Anand Tucker

Stars: Jim Broadbent, Colin Firth

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW This film may end up one of the summer's most rewarding experiences at the cinema.

When Arthur Morrison (Jim Broadbent) is diagnosed with terminal cancer, his resentful son Blake (Colin Firth) returns to the family home, initiating a series of flashbacks of frustrating and embarrassing encounters. While struggling with the suspicion that his dad had a family with another woman, Blake attempts to make sense of a troubled life-

long relationship.

Based on author Blake Morrison's memoir, this film balances sentimentality and earnestness in good measure. Anand Tucker provides solid direction with an understated tone. Meanwhile, the script raises interesting questions about the notion that people are entitled to keep some secrets private.

STAR THE CLONE WARS

"This is what *Star Wars* fans have been waiting for." — Bonnie Laufer, Tribute.ca

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Coen brothers' comedy divides Venice critics

The Coen brothers' latest film, the madcap comedy *Burn After Reading*, has sharply divided the critics, unlike last year's acclaimed *No Country For Old Men*, which won four Oscars including best picture.

Early reviews of the eagerly awaited picture have begun to appear following its world premiere at the Venice film festival on Wednesday, which brought A-listers George Clooney and Brad Pitt, and hundreds of screaming fans, to the red carpet.

Trade paper *Variety* panned the comic spy spoof, calling it a "flame-out."

"Nothing about the project's execution inspires the feeling that this was ever intended as anything more than a lark, which would be fine if it were a good one," wrote Todd McCarthy.

"As it is, audience teeth-grinding sets in early and never lets up."

Many of the warm words he had for *Burn After Reading* were reserved for Pitt, appearing in a Coen film for the first time.

Like several other critics, McCarthy praised Pitt's portrayal of a naive, hyperactive gym instructor who tries to extort money from a sacked CIA analyst whose sensitive memoirs he stumbles across when a comput-



Brad Pitt rides a water taxi at the Venice film festival yesterday. Pitt and George Clooney star in Ethan and Joel Coen's new spy comedy *Burn After Reading*, which screened at the event.

er disc is dropped by accident.

"Pitt slices the ham very thick indeed, but uniquely emerges as endearing in doing so," he said.

At the other end of the scale was Screen International's Lee Marshall, who called the movie "a beautifully produced mix of spy story, U.S. zeitgeist satire and relationship drama."

"(Burn) is a smart urban screwball comedy about the perils of idiocy that uses its all-star cast to dazzling and often hilarious effect."

Wendy Ide of the Times in London gave the film four stars out of five, and singled out Pitt and John Malkovich as the best performances.

Malkovich is the heavy-drinking, aggressive CIA analyst, while Clooney, appearing in his third Coen movie, plays an exercise-obsessed federal marshall who cheats on his wife.

Ide's main reservation is that the cast of characters it would be fair to describe as idiotic fails to elicit much sympathy in the audience. "It would perhaps

be more rewarding if we could like the characters as well as laugh at them," Ide concludes.

Kirk Honeycutt of The Hollywood Reporter, in a mixed review, calls *Burn* "a minor piece of silliness with all the trappings of an A-list studio movie."

In conclusion, he quotes a line from a CIA officer in the movie who has just been told about the baffling series of events surrounding the missing memoirs.

"Report back to me when it makes sense." **REUTERS**

Movie morsels

The House Bunny

● (out of 5)

REVIEW Written by the team behind *Legally Blonde* (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of an aging model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she's ejected from the Playboy Mansion. Attempting to be empowering, the film ends up embarrassing with characters so insipid and one-dimensional that to squeeze any depth from this flick would be like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Longshots

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REVIEW Directed by Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst (seriously!), this is the true story of a girl (Keke Palmer) inspired to play

football by her uncle (Ice Cube). While Cube is decent enough, the plot moves too quickly and is short on conflict. In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall — sure, it's harmless enough, but The Longshots' saccharine intent to inspire is simply overbearing.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Star Wars: The Clone Wars

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REVIEW The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker and company in the middle of an intergalactic war between the clones and the droids. In reality, this movie kicks off a new animated series and highlighting where this film truly belongs — on TV. Sure, it's an interesting combination of CGI and anime but

the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Tropic Thunder

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REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia.

After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes." Instead, the gang loses their di-

rector, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists. The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

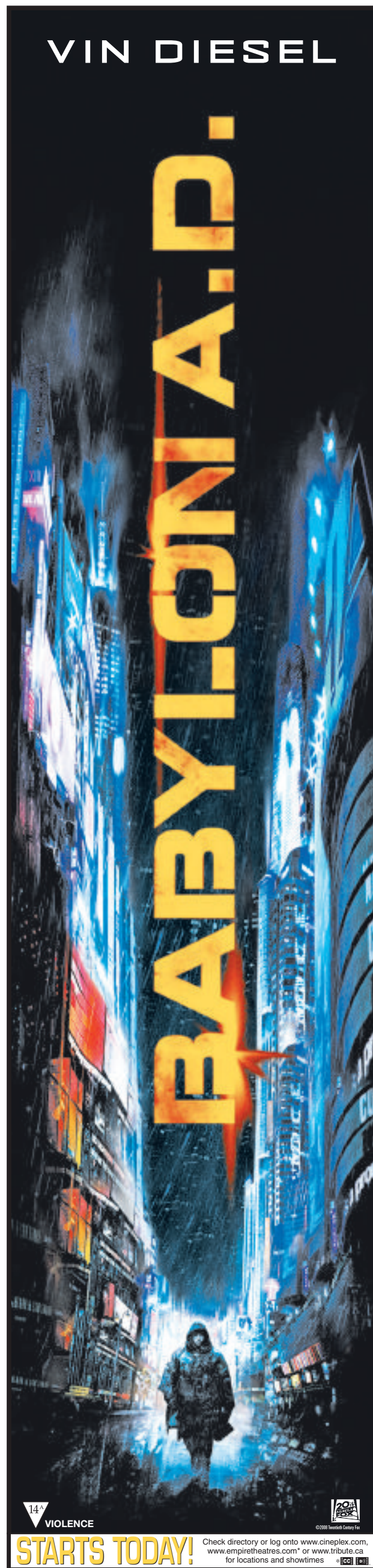
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Pineapple Express

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REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favourite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

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Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-6:50

Mongol (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

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Ben Stiller, left, and Robert Downey Jr. in a scene from Tropic Thunder, currently in theatres.

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Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:35-10:25

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George Clooney could be Up in the Air



George Clooney

CASTING George Clooney is in talks to star in *Up in the Air*, an adaptation of the 2001 Walter Kirn novel, with Juno director Jason Reitman behind the camera. The Oscar-winning actor will play an unapologetic corporate downsizer whose

untethered life is consumed with collecting air miles. Reitman, whose feature debut was the satire *Thank You for Smoking*, has been working on his adaptation of Kirn's book for the past five years. Clooney stars in the Co-

en brothers' farce *Burn After Reading*, which premiered Wednesday at the Venice Film Festival. Kirn also wrote the novel *Thumbsucker*, which writer-director Mike Mills adapted into a film in 2005.

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Music

Playing by their own rules

AC/DC prepare to release another high-voltage album this fall

SoundCheck

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Much has changed since Feb. 29, 2000, the day that AC/DC released their last album. George W. Bush was not yet U.S. president. The World Trade Center was still standing. The iPod was still more than a year away. And the music industry sold nearly a billion CDs a year.

But on Planet AC/DC (est. 1973), it's business as usual, despite a gap of eight years, seven months and 23 days between albums. When Black Ice is released on Oct. 21, it'll sound like

1980 all over again. I heard three new songs last week (including the first single, Rock'n'Roll Train, which was released to radio yesterday) and all the sensations of listening to Back in Black on cassette in my '79 Firebird came rushing back. Angus riffs — will he ever run out of guitar riffs? — Brian shreds his throat and the rest of the band burbles like a V8 engine in 4/4 time. Same as it ever was. It's comforting.

While everyone knows

Angus Young and AC/DC have sold 200 million albums since 1973.

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that Michael Jackson and Celine Dion sell gazillions of albums, AC/DC isn't far behind. They've sold 200 million

albums since 1973, 45 million of which are Back in Black. Their back catalogue sales are second to only the Beatles. (Fascinating stat: while U.S. album sales declined 19 per cent last year, sales of AC/DC CDs were up 41 per cent.)

And when they launch the world tour in support of Black Ice — which will include a two-pronged Canadian attack — they'll sell millions of tickets and t-shirts to three generations of fans.

Digital downloads? Selling through iTunes? Not gonna happen. As a rep from their record company told me: "We've had the conversation about digital with them, but they aren't interested." AC/DC is in the business of selling records and CDs. Period.

And they're going to sell a lot of them. While all

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Canadian retailers will get a shot at selling Black Ice, Americans will have to go to Wal-Mart or Sam's Club — the last great sellers of CDs in the U.S. — to buy their copy. Smart move. A similar deal cut with the Eagles helped them sell 2.98 million copies of Long Road Out of Eden since last year, 700,000 of which came in the first week. If AC/DC doesn't do a million in the first seven days, I'll be shocked.

More on AC/DC today at ongoinghistory.com.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

Suge Knight faces assault charges

ARRESTED Rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight was arrested on charges of assault and domestic violence Wednesday after punching his girlfriend and pulling a knife on her, Las Vegas police said.

Knight, 43, co-founder of Death Row Records, also was charged with two drug offences when he was found to be in possession of ecstasy and the prescription narcotic Hydrocodone, police said.

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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

- 1 I Kissed A Girl Katy Perry
- 2 Just Dance Lady GaGa
- 3 When I Grow Up Pussycat Dolls
- 4 Disturbia Rihanna
- 5 Lollipop Lil Wayne
- 6 A Mill Lil Wayne
- 7 Dangerous Kardinal Offishall
- 8 Crazy B*tch Buckcherry
- 9 Shake It Metro Station
- 10 Calabria 2007 Mix Enur

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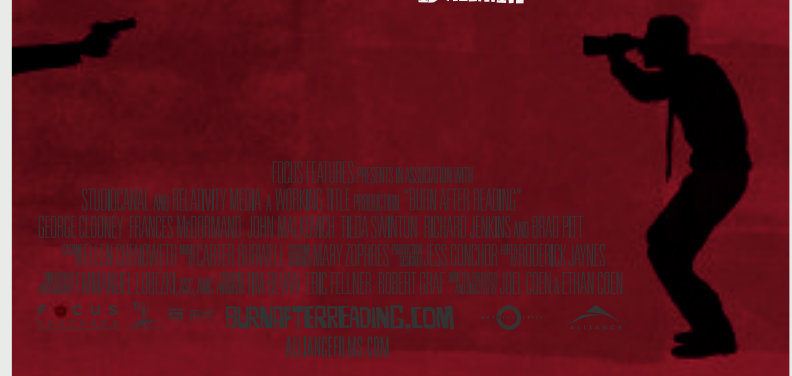
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This Day In Music History — 1995

While shooting the music video for Meat Loaf's I'd Lie for You (And That's The Truth), a pilot and cameraman are killed in a helicopter crash in the Sequoia National Forest about 150 miles north of Los Angeles.

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weekend **19****Music****Howard hopes to be music hit, too**

Terrence Howard earned an Oscar nomination for his role as a pimp aspiring to be a rapper in *Hustle &*

Flow but the movie also shone a spotlight on his musical talents and helped him land a record deal.

Howard releases his debut album *Shine Through It* Tuesday. But it's nothing like the hip-hop he per-

formed as Djay, which included Three 6 Mafia's 2006 Academy Award-winning song, *It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp*.

"Imagine Don McLean growing up in Cleveland in

the '70s and if he was black, with a little bit of Cat Stevens twisted into his words and a little bit of Richie Havens — that's the thought behind it," Howard said.

Howard, 39, scored a two-record deal with Columbia after running into a company executive as he returned hungover to his hotel after an all-night Oscar party in 2006. **REUTERS**

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Two-time Emmy winner Blythe Danner, left, will return to the small screen next year as a guest star on an episode of Medium, reports tvguide.com. Danner will play Sarah Leaming, the mother of an MIA nurse. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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High School Upgrading



Entertainment in brief

TELEVISION Canadian broadcaster CTV, host broadcaster of the 2010 Olympics from Vancouver/Whistler, is planning round-the-clock coverage of the Winter Games.

Keith Pelley, president of the CTV/Rogers Communications consortium that holds the Canadian rights to the Games, said that the broadcaster intends to air or stream every second of the Vancouver/Whistler sporting action across a cluster of domestic TV networks and media platforms. "With our plethora of rights, consumers will be able to watch what they want and when they want it," Pelley said.

The CTV/Rogers consortium also holds the Canadian rights to the 2012 Games from London.

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Contrary to recent reports, Denise Richards' reality show, It's Complicated, has not been cancelled.

Damage from writers' strike lingers

IntelleVision



COMING SOON: The blast damage done by the writers' strike is still being felt in some pretty strange, even desperate decisions being made by the networks on the eve of the new fall TV season's debuts. Besides the full-court press being made on behalf of 90210 version 2.0 by the CW (OK, I've broken my own rule about not mentioning the show until it debuts — that didn't take long), there's NBC's full order of 22 episodes for the second season of Chuck, made before the debut of the comedy's sophomore season.

ABC has also renewed Here Come The Newweds, a reality show that I've never heard of anyone watching.

weds, a reality show that I've never heard of anyone watching, and E! insists that, contrary to previous reports, they haven't cancelled It's Complicated, the reality vehicle starring Denise "I was married to Charlie Sheen and you saw my bewbies in Wild Things" Richards. "The show has not been cancelled," a rep for the network told OK! magazine. "The series has performed well for the network and decisions are still being made regarding a second season."

Variety announced earlier this week that CTV has given a green light to a second 13-episode season of Flashpoint, though there's no word on whether CBS will be its

primetime partner again, a cross-border deal that hadn't been seen in more than a decade. The Canadian network had better be hoping for another strike, or the complete failure of CBS' primetime roster, if they're going to see a repeat of the deal; for U.S. TV executives, having to import Canadian programming to make up for a scheduling shortfall is only slightly less embarrassing than reviving American Gladiators.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/29/08	243	317	3	CFCN	eTalk	Jeopardy!	Without a Trace	Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)			News (N)
	-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)			20/20 (N)
	245	306	6	CBRT	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives	CBC News: The National	The Hour
	244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men	Swingtown "Surprise"	NUMB3RS "End Game"	News Hour	
	246	-	8	CKAL	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Stargate Atlantis	Ford Supermodel of the World	The Collector (DVS)	Your City	
	119	705	9	CBXFT	Garçons sans honneur *** (2005, Comédie) Owen Wilson. (SC)			Mr. Bean (SC)	Le Téléjournal (N) (SC)	TJ Alberta	
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Friends	Scrubs	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS "End Game"	Swingtown
	-	374	14	KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Foreign	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Frank Sinatra
	-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Raymond	Jeopardy!	Wheel-Fortune	America's Toughest Jobs	Dateline NBC (N)	
	-	373	22	KAYU	'70s Show	Seahawks Pre.	NFL Preseason Football	Oakland Raiders at Seattle Seahawks. From Qwest Field in Seattle.			News (N)
news	502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National				CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)			Larry King Live	Cooper 360
	501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
	400	400	21	TSN	CFL Football BC Lions at Montreal	Alouettes.	Boxing: Labarda vs. Molitor			SportsCentre	U.S. Open Tennis
	408	418	27	net	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected	World Combat League		Sportsnet Connected	Ult. Fighter
	552	543	20	YTV	The Next Star (N)		Drake & Josh Drake and Josh go to Los Angeles.			The Next Star	Falcon Beach
	557	541	39	FAM	Zoey 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	High School Musical 2 (2007) Zac Efron.		(10:15) The Even Stevens Movie **	
	-	-	18	CHTV	'70s Show	E News	Uma Thurman: True Story	Dr. 90210		20/20 (N)	News (N)
	603	561	25	FOOD	Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Imposs.	Glutton-Punish.	Iron Chef America
	615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami "Man Down"		The Cleaner (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)			CSI: Miami
cable variety	617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Faint Hope"	Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny
	520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild "Jungle"		Forensic Factor (N)	Day Planet		Man vs. Wild "Jungle"	Handyman
	628	584	43	SPIKE	UFC Best of 2007 Ultimate Fighting Championship highlights from the past year.					MANswers	GameTrailers
	522	516	45	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "The Curse"		Cities of the Underworld	Final 24 "JFK Jr"	NCIS
	581	566	102	MTV	Step, Repeat	Exiled	The Hills	The Hills	After	Cribs	Making the Band 4

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/30/08	243	317	3	CFCN	W FIVE		Hunt for Justice: The Louise Arbour Story (2005) (DVS)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	-	371	5	KXLY	(6) College Football Alabama vs. Clemson or Michigan State at California.			Wednesday	Inside Edition	The Insider (N)	Ent. Tonight
	245	306	6	CBRT	The Nature of Things (N)		Nanny McPhee ** (2005, Comedy) Emma Thompson.		Gosford Park *** (2001, Mystery)		
	244	338	7	CICT	Andromeda		Largo Winch	Andromeda	renegadeexpress	renegadeexpress	News (N)
	246	-	8	CKAL	Blood Ties (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries	View of Terror (2003, Suspense) Shannen Doherty. (DVS)			The City Show
	119	705	9	CBXFT	Match	Soccer Les RailHawks de la Caroline contre l'Impact de Montréal. (SC)			Le Téléjournal	Pour l'amour du country (SC)	
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	A New Smile, a New Life	The Unit (HDTV)		NCIS "In the Zone"	48 Hr. Mystery
	-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	Great Scenic Railway Journeys		Bob Dylan: Live
	-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Primetime Pre.	CSI: Miami "Darkroom"	Chuck (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law Order: CI
	-	373	22	KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Cops (PA)		America's Most Wanted	News (N)
news	502	390	15	CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Who Killed Diana?	Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom	Special Investigations		Larry King Live	Saturday Night
	501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
	400	400	21	TSN	Boxing: Friday (7:45) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Camping World 300. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre	NASCAR Race
	408	418	27	net	MLB Baseball		Beach Soccer	MLS Soccer Toronto FC at Club Deportivo Chivas USA. (Live)		Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Con.
	552	543	20	YTV	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Storm Hawks	InuYasha the Movie: Affections Touching Across Time (2001)			InuYasha-Cstle
	557	541	39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Michael *** (1996, Drama) John Travolta.
	-	-	18	CHTV	E News	Greatest Myst.	Past Tense (2006, Suspense) Paula Trickey. (DVS)				Inside Hollywood (DVS)
	603	561	25	FOOD	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America	Top Chef
	615	520	26	A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 Cabdriver.		The Sopranos "Kaisha"		The First 48
cable variety	617	522	32	SHOW	I Know What I Saw (2007, Suspense)		Beverly Mitchell.		Air Speed ** (1998, Drama) Elisha Cuthbert.		Kenny-Spenny
	520	505	35	DISC	Criss Angel	After the Catch Highlights.	Criss Angel	A Haunting "The Calling"		Dirty Jobs Underwater reef.	Criss Angel
	628	584	43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		TNA IMPACT!		Xtreme 4x4
	522	516	45	HIST	Underworld Histories		NCIS "Split Decision"		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Enemy at the Gates ** (2001, War)
	581	566	102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs	Cribs	Made "Hockey Player"
											MTV Live

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8/31/08	243	317	3	CFCN	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	CSI: NY "The Ride-In"	Cold Case "The Road"		News (N)
	-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	Ebert	Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
	245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland "Born to Run"		Everest (2007, Docudrama) Eric Johnson, William Shatner.		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Hairstyle Conf.
	244	338	7	CICT	renegadeexpress	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)	Family Guy	American Dad
	246	-	8	CKAL	Friends	Role	Funniest Home Videos	Mr. 3000 ** (2004, Comedy) Bernie Mac, Angela Bassett.			Speakers Cmr.
	119	705	9	CBXFT	Découverte	Souvenirs de Brokeback Mountain *** (2005, Drame sentimental) (SC)			Le Téléjournal	La Cité de Dieu (2002) (SC)	
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	60 Minutes	Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case "The Road"		CSI: NY
	-	374	14	KSPS	Germans in America	Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece (N) (DVS)			Atchafalaya
	-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC	National Treasure ** (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger.			
	-	373	22	KAYU	American Idol Rewind	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	American Dad	Family Guy	American Dad
news	502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Diana: Witnesses	Royal Rivals? Charles, William		CBC News: Sunday Night	Diana Witness
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom	Special Investigations		Larry King Live	Newsroom
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	408	418	27	net	(6) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)			Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Ult. Fighter
	552	543	20	YTV	The Next Star		The Next Star			The Next Star	Falcon Beach
	557	541	39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	The Rookie *** (2002, Drama)
	-	-	18	CHTV	Instant Beauty Pageant		The Soup (N)	E News	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home
	603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	Nigella	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Iron Chef America
	615	520	26	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Family Jewels
cable variety	617	522	32	SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	I Me Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy) Erica Durance.			Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie
	520	505	35	DISC	Mega Builders (N)		MythBusters		Megaworld: Canada		Naked Science Rockies.
	628	584	43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.
	522	516	45	HIST	Ultimate Engineering		NCIS "The Weak Link"		Engineering an Empire		Alexander ** (2004, Historical Drama)
	581	566	102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs

Phillips out on bail after bust

LEGAL Actress MacKenzie Phillips has been released on \$10,000 US bail following her arrest for possession of a controlled substance on Wednesday.



MacKenzie Phillips

Phillips, 48, was taken into custody in Los Angeles after she was caught in possession of heroin and cocaine at LAX Airport at 10 a.m. after she failed a routine security screening,

prompting a secondary search. According to Los Angeles Airport Police Sergeant Jim Holcomb: "A balloon and a plastic bag containing a small amount of heroin and cocaine" were recovered.

Holcomb adds: "I was told initially she was a little unco-operative, but then she was fine."

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Entourage takes off

HBO has partnered with Virgin America airlines to rename the New York JFK to Las Vegas flight "Entourage Air" for September. TVGUIDE.COM

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Miniseries hits high

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for Metro Canada



CBC is climbing to catastrophic heights this weekend, airing Everest, a two-part miniseries depicting Canadian Laurie Skreslet's journey to the top of the landmark mountain.

An all-Canadian cast portrays the roles of the notable ensemble, starring Eric Johnson as Skreslet. Also in the film are Jason Priestley and William Shatner.

The miniseries illustrates Skreslet's story of becoming the first Canadian to reach the top of the peak.

"For me, I read the script and it was this great sort of adventure, a lot of action and a lot of heart," said Johnson. "The prospect of shooting for two months in the Canadian Rockies is also a pretty attractive idea."

Johnson, originally from Alberta, gravitated to the role, obtaining the opportunity to learn how to climb as part of the film.

To prepare for the role,



Everest, the story of Canadian Laurie Skreslet's climbing of Mount Everest, airs Sunday and Monday on CBC at 8 p.m.

Johnson met and spoke with Skreslet to learn more about the Canadian climber.

"It was nice being able to talk to him and get an idea of what was going through his mind at the time (of the climb)," said Johnson.

While speaking with Skreslet, Johnson found something they share in common.

"The single-minded determination to make it to the top. For me, I've had the same sort of determination with my career," said Johnson.

Director Graeme Campbell helped choose the actors, including Johnson, for Everest's starring roles. He wanted to capture the essence of the real lives depicted in the film.

"The people that really did make this climb learned to battle the elements and ultimately, they learn to battle themselves and overcome their own weaknesses to get to the top," said Campbell.

Mount Everest is more than just a mountain; it symbolizes achievement, according to Campbell. For the audience, he wants each viewer to learn something from the miniseries.

"I want the public to take away a feeling of what it takes to actually get to your best. I think that's what our climbers show and I think our actors portray that very well," said Campbell. "It's a little known story of Canadian history that I think should be told, too."

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1

Damages: Season 1

Drama and deception is all in a day's work in the legal drama *Damages* — and we're not just talking about the court cases. Season 1 on DVD features 13 episodes, deleted scenes, a "making of" featurette, commentaries by the cast and crew, and more. Just try to stop watching Glenn Close as litigator Patty Hewes.

2

September

The month of September marks the unofficial start of a new year, particularly with students' return to school. Change is in the air, as we say see ya to heat and humidity, say hello to fall fashion in stores, welcome new shows on TV, and watch *Ma Nature* start to work her magic on the foliage.

3

Elizabeth Reaser

Grey's Anatomy fans may remember Elizabeth Reaser as Ava/Rebecca on the show, but now Reaser has a starring role in *The Ex* List. The CBS show, which debuts this fall, sees Reaser as Bella Bloom, a business owner who learns from a psychic that she has already dated her future husband. If Bella doesn't find him in the next year, though, she'll remain alone forever.

4

So What, by Pink

Singer-songwriter Pink appears to moving past the bust-up of her marriage to motocross racer Carey Hart in *So What*, with lyrics like, "I'm still a rock star/ I got my rock moves/ And I don't need you." The upbeat tune with an infectious beat has hit No. 1 on Canada's iTunes chart.

5

What Happened to Anna K., by Irina Reyn

Author Irina Reyn revisits Leo Tolstoy's tragic heroine Anna Karenina, and retools her as 30-something, miserably married Anna, who lives among the Russian-Jewish immigrants in the outer boroughs of New York. Trouble arrives, and its name is David.

6

The Killer, by Mobile

Cool cinematography stars in the video for the cool song by Mobile. The clip mostly features the rock band performing on a set, but the dark and futuristic feel of the video showcasing a man on a motorbike matches the song title, naturally. Don't blink or you'll miss the blazing ceiling fan.

7

Acai

This little fruit that seems to have popped out of nowhere and into drinks like juices and smoothies, is actually the berry of an Amazon palm tree. Acai (say it with us: ah-sigh-ee) is packed with amino acids, antioxidants and essential fatty acids. It's supposed to taste good, too, like a chocolatey berry.

... and what's not

Weighty issue on reality show

Please tell us this is just a rumour: MTV is reportedly set to air a reality show, *Model Maker*, that will have wannabe models competing to lose weight to reach their runway goal, female-first.co.uk reports. The show will reward the weight-loss winner with \$100,000 US, a modelling portfolio and a personal trainer for a year. MTV producers have reportedly said the show will achieve the weight loss "in a healthy and realistic time span."

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Numb3rs actress Diane Farr and her husband, Seung Chung, welcomed twin girls, Sawyer Luci and Coco Trinity, in Los Angeles on Wednesday. PEOPLE.COM

Farr welcomes twins

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Gunn talks looks

FASHION Project Runway mentor Tim Gunn recently weighed in on actress Katie Holmes' look, saying he "can't explain it," and now he's chimed in on singer/actress Miley Cyrus. "(Miley Cyrus) is just a little too tarty, forgive me. I don't want her to look like she's going into a convent school, but it's just a little too much for a 15-year-old. If I didn't know better, I'd swear she was 25," Gunn told OK! magazine. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Lohan hits out at dad over friend

DISPUTE Lindsay Lohan has lashed out at her father Michael after he accused his daughter's rumoured girlfriend Samantha Ronson of using the actress to increase her own public profile, imdb.com reports. Michael slammed Ronson earlier this week after claiming he had heard rumours she is set to release a tell-all book about her life. "She's using my daughter," he said. "This is not in Lindsay's best interest." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Romo 'perfect,' Simpson says

COUPLES Singer Jessica Simpson has declared her boyfriend Tony Romo her "perfect guy," People.com reports.

"I just told him today, 'You're the love of my life,'" she told People. "I don't really ever say that to anybody."

Simpson, 28, (as is Dallas Cowboys quarterback Romo), also co-wrote a song for her man, You're My Sunday and, in a true modern-day sign of devotion, changed her cell-phone number and e-mail address to cut off any potential communication from her exes.

"I don't want anybody that's been in my life (before) in my life any more," she said. "I don't even want them to have any way of contacting me."

Romo has-
n't

done the same, but Simpson brushed it off. "I'm not a jealous girlfriend," she said.

As for her own one-time relationship with singer John Mayer — which began in 2006 and fizzled out last summer — Simpson survived its rockiness by doing some self-appraisal afterwards. "I had to regain self-esteem and self-value," she said.

When it comes to relationships, Simpson said she gives over her heart fully and expects the same in return. "I just love, so I don't under-

stand when people can't do exactly what I do."

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Mario Lopez back with ex?

ROMANCE Mario Lopez is reportedly back with his ex-girlfriend, Dancing With The Stars partner Karina Smirnoff, imdb.com reports.

The actor split with Smirnoff earlier this year after an 18-month romance, which began when they were paired up as partners on the U.S. reality TV competition.

And the pair appears to be romancing again after being seen canoodling over dinner at New York's Bagatelle restaurant, according to reports. "They were super-flirty," a source said, adding that the pair were "very happy, kissing and cuddling."

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Campbell lands a pricey 'gift'

COUPLES Supermodel Naomi Campbell has finally hit it big with her billionaire boyfriend, Vladimir Doronin, PageSix.com reports.

The two were just in her favourite country, Brazil, where he dropped a cool \$18.5 million US on a penthouse apartment for Campbell in Jardins, the Upper East Side of Sao Paulo, after Campbell told him how much she

loved the country and "wanted to settle down there."

Glamurama.com says the place was a "gift" to the supermodel and the couple will use it as their home in Brazil. Then they travelled to Bahia, where they stayed in a \$50,000-a-day beach house.

Campbell, who's trying to improve her rage-plagued image, is also focusing on being photographed at charitable events and launching a clothing line through 284, the new label from Daslu. "It's for strong women. I hope everybody will like it," she told a local Brazilian paper.

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Moss art worth millions

EXHIBIT A solid gold statue of supermodel Kate Moss is to go on display at the British Museum, imdb.com reports.

The sculpture, valued at \$2.8 million US, has been crafted by artist Marc Quinn.

Tipping the scales at 110 pounds, it is believed to be the largest gold

statue built since the time of ancient Egypt.

Quinn said he chose Moss because she was the closest model to human perfection he could find.

"I thought the next thing to do would be to make a sculpture of the person who is the ideal beauty of the moment.

But even Kate Moss doesn't live up to the image," he said. The Moss statue will be exhibited at the British Museum in October.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

When the shallow, fetid cesspools of

celebrity crap and professional sports ooze into one another, I'm like that guy who ran into that other guy and got chocolate in his peanut butter for the first time.

So it is with the Jessica Simpson-Tony Romo romance. But many Dallas Cowboy fans fear Jessica will do for Romo's team what she's done for country music, namely drag it down to places so low even Garth Brooks' friends wouldn't live or hold jobs there. I've decided to let my friend Bart, Texas native and hardcore Cowboys fan, use this space to offer a rebuttal to Jessica:

"Jessica says Tony's the love of her life, but she doesn't understand that the bond that exists between whoever's taking snaps for the Cowboys and his fans dwarfs it. Has she ever sold her blood for a playoff ticket? Didn't think so. Happiness? Not one of my weddings was half as good as any of the Cowboys' Super Bowls. Jessica says that after John Mayer dumped her, she had to regain her self-esteem. It's been 12 years since the Cowboys won a playoff game, and I guarantee you I'm lower than she ever was. I wish Jessica would go on Bowling With the Stars or whatever and meet somebody, and let Tony do what he does for people like me, who will love him forever, or until he gets injured or loses a lot."

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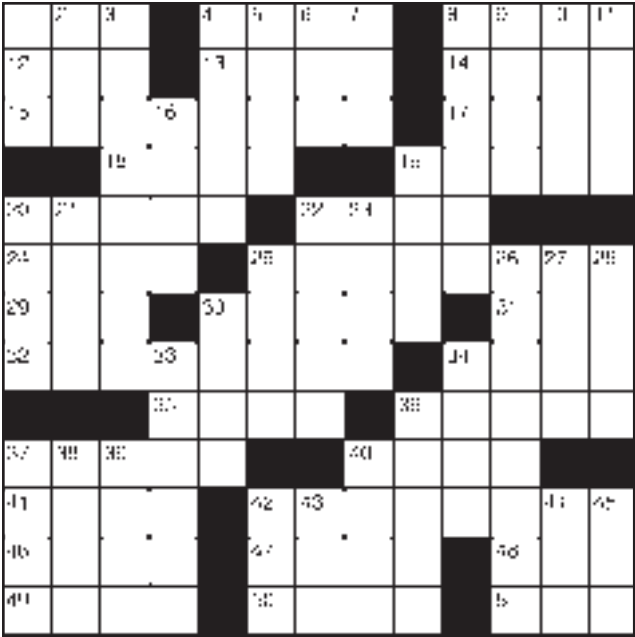
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Diddy flies commercial
Hip-hop mogul Sean “Diddy” Combs, right, refuses to pay for expensive fuel costs for his private jet, so instead he travels on commercial airlines, reports femalefirst.co.uk. “Gas prices are too motherf—ing high,” he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Take Five



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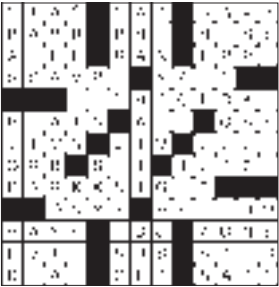
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studio
17 Secondhand
18 Trial recording
19 Sports venue
- 20 With cunning
22 A-number-1
24 Prompted
25 Bad news for
commuters
29 Carte lead-in
30 Taco topping
31 High-arc shot
32 Toll road
34 Amorphous sci-fi villain
35 Melodies
- 36 Overthrows
37 In two places at once?
40 Shapely legs
41 Gloomy
42 Lightweight motorcycle
46 Aware of
47 Condo, e.g.
48 Feedbag tidbit
49 Pack away
50 Get a glimpse of
51 Big Apple letters

previous day’s answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Finding a lost friend will be a relief. A maternal woman will give you hope. An unpredictable chat will take place.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Too much self-discipline will snarl things up. Intoxicated people can’t see the big picture. Use your powers of persuasion to fix a relationship.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An impatient man will tire of waiting. Enjoy the benefits that result from doing hard work. Allow a situation to stabilize on its own.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Anchor yourself in reality by walking. Promptly see a dentist when a toothache flares up. An admirer brings out the best in you.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Doubt must be confronted and forced out. A fallen man needs help with his vision. Maintain your silence in regard to someone’s loss.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Facts will come to mind when you don’t panic. Single out a favorite person for special attention. Someone you love will have second thoughts.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Get cracking on a crazy scheme. A show of unity will modify your mood. Your conscience is bothered about an impulsive act.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Dramatic people will entertain you. A do-gooder is dismayed by a disgrace. A brave friend will offer a sanctuary.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your ability to take charge of your life grows more powerful. A fantastic opportunity will be offered. A biased friend will lose out.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A man is confused by minor obstacles. Insecurity in love will affect your plans. A friend will be careless and suffer from shame.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Finding happiness is the best objective. Being an unlikely hero leads to a new role for you. Your wisdom lifts a friendship to a new plane.

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Monday

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10° / 3°

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